

Letter Book



Fort Enterprise May 17<sup>th</sup> 1805

Sir,

My dispatches to the Commodore pass open to your hands for yours & the inspection of Capt. Dent, please to read them, The alarm today was occasioned by the descent of some arabs on foot from the enemys camp down the ravine near the old Castle with a view of Plunder, their number is stated to have been two or three hundred; they retreated precipitately on meeting and receiving the fire of a party of the Washaws people stationed at that post, a Report is current that had they succeeded to draw the force of the town to defence of their stacks in the rear the enemys cavalry would have entered by the rout they passed the 13<sup>th</sup>. I think the display of the Washaws forces, on this occurrence, in view of the enemy may have a good effect. Weak as we now are on shore, I candidly confess. I wish they may be deterred from attacking us until Capt. Dents return

I remain Sir, as always,

Yours faithfully  
Signed / William Eaton

Capt. Hull

May 18<sup>th</sup> 1805

I assumed the debt of Ahmet for twenty dollars borrowed of Shick Mahamet the creditor has been to me this morning for the cash - did Ahmet send it on board the Argus? Has Captain Dent left eighteen dollars for me? I have promised payment afternoow but have not cash, a deserter from the enemy this morning states that last evening our arabs in the rear fell upon a caravan of camels laden with wheat and barley and took twenty one of them

Signed / Eaton

Sir

Malta 19<sup>th</sup> May 1805

Your several Communications were received by the Hornet which did not arrive here till the 16<sup>th</sup> having met with head winds and heavy gales your various Informations are under my particular attention, the state of my health and my Anxiety to dispatch the Sloop without loss of time does not allow me to enter into lengthly observations nor is it indeed necessary, the letter I have written to Mr. Eaton by this Conveyance and which he will communicate to you, will no doubt determine him and the Officers to leave the Coast as a Measure rendered necessary by existing Circumstances and especially by the intention of the Consul General to open a Negotiation with Joseph Pigning Bashaw of Tripoli, you will therefore as soon as the requisite Arrangements are made Return with the Vessels under your Command to Syracuse to which place it is contemplated to transfer head quarters in the Course of a few days —

Lieut. Evans is directed to deliver the Stores which have been laden in the Sloop to you to be distributed at your discretion, you will understand that these Stores are intended for the use of the crews of the United States Vessels and the Christians under the Command of Mr. Eaton. —

Nothing Material has occurred in our Affairs since your departure Mr. Evans will be able to inform you of every thing worthy of notice — I have likewise sent with Lieut. Evans Two Thousand Spanish Dolls in Specie which will serve to extinguish any Individual engagements that you or Mr. Eaton,

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may have contracted at Durr

I look anxiously for further intelligence from  
Durr, and with my best wishes to yourself and those  
under your commands — I subscribe myself  
Sir

Your very faithful & Ob.<sup>d</sup>  
Sam. Barron

Inclosed is a copy of my letter — " —  
to M<sup>r</sup>. Eaton for your information —

Isaac Hull Esquire —

Commanding U. S. Brig Argus  
Coast of Durr —

P. S. Lieut. Evans has under his charge the  
following Private Stores Viz<sup>t</sup>

Six dozen of Porter  
a Bag of Coffee  
a Cask of brown Sugar  
Six Pounds of Tea  
One D. Cask Mercurials

For the use of M<sup>r</sup>. Eaton and Officers Capt.  
Dent and Yourself

R. D. Presents his best respects

(copy)

Sir,

Malta May 19<sup>th</sup> 1805

By the Hornet sloop which arrived in  
this harbour the 16<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> (having had a tedious passage  
I had the honor to receive your despatches of 29<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>  
and 1<sup>st</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> announcing the capture of Durr after  
a contest in which permit me to observe that your

conduct and that of your companions in arms will not discredit the Character which our Countrymen have established among the nations of Barbary —

I have pursued with deserved attention the Arguments and reasons adduced in your letter of the 1.<sup>st</sup> On the Subject of pursuing the Co-operation with Sidi Hamet Bashaw being myself still to weak for the exertion of letter writing and my Secretary writing with difficulty owing to an inflammation in his eyes it is impossible for me to inter into a lengthly Reply Nor is it indeed necessary the business is now arrived at that point where if the Ex. Bashaw after being put in possession of Derna the first Province of Tripoli and in which his interest is said to be the most powerful has not in himself energy and talent and is so destitute of means and resources as not to be able to move on with successful progress seconded by our Naval force acting on the Coast he must be held unworthy of further support and the Co-operation as a measure too expensive and burthensome and too little pregnant with hope & Advantage to justify its further prosecution for Sir, whatever may once have been the intentions of Government on this Subject and whatever your ideas touching those intentions, I feel that I have already gone to the full extent of my Authority, the instructions from the Navy department on this particular point with which you are not unacquainted are very short of that, Unlimited discretion and power of Application insisted on in your letter and totally silent in regard to the description of Supplies and Stores (field pieces musquets and 80,000 dollars in Cash) which you mention as the intention of Government to furnish

the Bashaw hence you must be aware that without taking a latitude that would commit me in a Responsibility which it were the extreme of folly and rashness to encounter I cannot proceed further — With respect to any engagements to Sidi Hamet I cannot consider them as definite or Specific — by our Resources and by our Enterprise and Valor we have placed him at the post from whence he was driven when first he sollicitted the aid and support of our arms and in the most Valuable Province of Tripoli in performing which I conceive we have fulfilled every plidge and that he can neither charge us with bad faith in our engagements or with injustice towards himself — This want of those qualities so essential in the Character of a Commander and particularly to a Prince contending for his throne is a serious obstacle to the advancement of his cause not to be surmounted even by the existance and manly exertion of them in those about his person but it is certainly but it is certainly what we had no right to anticipate and still less to suppose that when master of the finest Province in his Kingdom where his influence is greatest and his adherents most numerous, his situation would not be materially altered, and himself as destitute of means to carry on the contest as when brought from his exile in Egypt in Short Sir, the matter reduces itself to this, we are ready and willing to support the Bashaw by an Union of Operations on the Coast so long as the war with Tripoli continues but his Excellency must be explicitly informed

that our Supplies of money arms and provisions are at an end and that he must now depend upon his own Resources and exertions — This determination will suggest to you and your Comrades that line of Conduct most prudent to be adopted in the present posture of Affairs I have lost no time in dispatching the Hornet with a supply of Provisions for the Crews of the Argus and Nautilus and the Christians under your Command I hope she will arrive in time to prevent your suffering from Want —

I have now to acquaint you with an occurrence in our Affairs interesting in itself and momentous as relates to your situation —

In consequence of recent advices from Tripoli I have thought it my duty to state to the Consul General Col: Lear now at this place my candid opinion the present is a moment highly favorable to treat for peace and a communication has just been handed me from that gentleman expressing his determination to meet the overture lately made by the reigning bashaw so far as as to found on it the commencement of a Negotiation and to proceed to Tripoli in the Essex frigate in the Course of this Week from a Variety of Concurring Circumstances the present period appears propitious to such a step and I cannot help indulging sanguine hopes that a very short time will restore Captain Bainbridge and his unfortunate Comrades to freedom and their Country — it would be needless for me to say any thing on the



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effect which this measure must needs have on your situation and determinations it is a measure which was anticipated in my letter to you by Cap<sup>t</sup>. Hull and as such the intelligence of it will not I presume reach you unprepared the interests of Sidi Hamet will not be overlooked it is with Col<sup>l</sup>. Lears express Sanction that I mention his intention to endeavour at stipulating some conditions for the Unfortunate exile provided this can be done without giving up points that are essential and without any considerable sacrifice of National advantage on our part —

I have sent by Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Evans 2000 Spanish dollars which he is directed to deliver to you or to Cap<sup>t</sup>. this sum will serve to extinguish any little engagements you may have contracted at Derm — I am extremely anxious for further intelligence from you and remain with much respect and Consideration —

Sr —

Your M<sup>o</sup>. Ob<sup>d</sup>. & Humb<sup>l</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>.  
(Signed) Sam<sup>l</sup>. Barron

Gentlemen) (Malta March 23<sup>d</sup>, 1805)

By Cap<sup>t</sup>. Hull of the U<sup>s</sup> States Brig Argus and by the Communications from M<sup>r</sup>. Eaton I have been informed of the polite and friendly attention which they and their brother Officers experienced from you as well as the active and useful services rendered them in a public capacity during their stay in

Egypt, I hasten to convey to you Gentlemen in the name  
of my country my sincere acknowledgments and the  
tribute of my individual respects, I have been made  
acquainted with the pecuniary engagements and  
advances you have entered into for Mr. Eaton on the  
faith of the United States, Captain Hull is on the point  
of sailing for the Eastern coast of Tripoli he has inst-  
ructions to proceed from thence to Alexandria provided  
he is not prevented by unforeseen circumstances  
should he be obliged to return without executing that  
part of his instructions I shall adopt some other  
arrangement to settle the dependencies in question  
Captain H. will probably have an opportunity of  
sending this overland to Alexandria, I feel  
happy in this occasion of opening a correspondence  
with you and assuring you of my perfect consid-  
eration

I have the honor to be

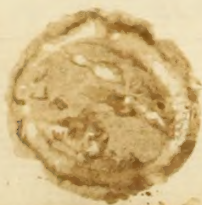
Yours very truly  
Gentlemen

Yours of 24<sup>th</sup> may comes in here  
Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Biggs Brothers  
Alexandria,

Y<sup>r</sup>. very Humb. & O<sup>b</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>.  
(Signed) Sam<sup>l</sup>. Barrow

Fort Entreprix 29<sup>th</sup> May 1805

Mamut Caramanly Bashaws compliments to  
Capt. Hull & Gen<sup>l</sup>. Eaton humbly praying it may be  
convenient to them and to their interest to send the two  
men on shore that was last sent on board in  
earnest of which he has humbly affixed his seal  
of Bashawship



July 2nd 1805

I think the tenure of this post so important to the negotiation now pending between the United States and the reigning Pashaw of Tripoli that I cannot reconcile it to a sense of duty to evacuate it except compelled by unforeseen circumstances until the result of that negotiation be known or further advices received from the Commander in Chief of the United States Squadron in the Mediterranean. I shall therefore wait a reasonable time for the return of the Nautilus which is daily expected from head quarters —

I am, Sir, very respectfully  
Your Obedt<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
(Signed) W<sup>m</sup> Eaton

Captain Isaac Hull U.S.N.

United States Ship Constellation  
Gentlemen, Syracuse 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1805

I do the U. States Ship Argus Capt<sup>t</sup> Hull I have directed Mr. Higgins our Agent at Malta to reimburse you in the sum of money with which you furnished Mr. Eaton on account of the United States and for which in the name of my Government be pleased to accept my warmest thanks. This money Gentlemen would have been remitted to you sooner could I have spared a vessel to carry it. If I can be of Service to you pray Command me It will afford me great pleasure to make amends for the disinterested services you have rendered

At Water in the business which brought him to  
your City — With the highest Consideration

I have the honor to be  
Gentlemen,

Messrs. Buggs Brothers  
Alexandria,

of: St. Louis. Ind.  
(Signed) J. M. Rodgers

U.S. Ship Constitution  
Syracuse 30<sup>th</sup> June 1805

When the vessel of Michael Jones arrived  
from the Lake the State of the vessel was reported  
himself to be in a very bad state of repair  
I have the honor to be

Capt. Isaac Hull  
Commanding the U.S. Ship  
Bryce's Ship —

for your most ob. Serv.  
(Signed) J. M. Rodgers

Direct to the  
Syracuse 1<sup>st</sup> July 1805 —

There is wanting in the Department of  
clearing on board, six hundred Spanish Dollars, more  
than the crew are allowed to have on board  
and in consequence of this —

With respect I am Sir  
your most ob. Serv.  
(Signed) P. N. J. Banner  
Lieut. commanding

Dear Sir

14. Feb. 1815  
London 20th July 1815

You will proceed to Malta without help of the  
and receive of Mr. Pitt the sum of one thousand dollars -  
The ship is to be sent to Malta in the morning  
I shall be at that place, take the necessary papers  
and return as soon as possible to Malta, where if you should  
not find me, and are informed by Mr. Higgins that I have  
proceeded to Malta - you may find me on  
to Gibraltar, taking Tunis & Algiers in your way. -  
I shall be at that place on the 20th of July  
I am Dear Sir  
Yours for the King

Dear Sir

London 10th July 1815

The fleet is under way. I am still at  
Gibraltar - I shall see you at Malta in twelve days,  
and take passage in your ship down the coast  
I mean time I am as always  
Yours for the King

Captain Pitt  
Royal Navy

Yours for the King  
John W. Cotton

U. S. Ship Constitution  
4<sup>th</sup> July 1805. -

By Order of Commodore Rodgers a Board of  
Examination will take place on board of this Ship at  
11 o'clock this day, where you are requested to attend as a  
member of the same. - I have the honor to be with

Capt. Isaac Hull.

much respect & consideration  
Yours very obedt. Servt.  
Signed, Hugh J. Campbell

U. S. Ship Constitution  
Matta 16<sup>th</sup> July 1805. -

I am ordered by Commodore Rodgers to say to you  
that Emanuel Laro the bearer, is entitled to my pay that  
may be due him from the Argus by your contract - that  
if it you have placed him on the Books for pay which  
he may not have received after having served the time  
agreed for, faithfully. -

Isaac Hull Esquire  
Commander of the U. S.  
Brig. Argus

Your most obedt. Servt.  
(Signed) Jos. Blake

Alexandria 17<sup>th</sup> July 1805

I have purchased the Orders in favor of Mr. Pulley  
& can obtain no other money than Venetian Sequins  
and Doubloons, some Spanish Dollars. I dont feel  
myself at liberty to take them. If you dont come on  
show, I shall return them agreeable to your request.

I have seen Major dePille, Capt. Vincenzo, Doctor Mendis  
Yours most obedt. Servt.  
J. N. O'Hara

Isaac Hull Esquire

Dear Sir

Syracuse 23<sup>d</sup> July 1805

Since the departure of the Quaker I have expected here the arrival of my long up, for a fortnight or so - I am informed this morning that she is still before Tunis. If she does not appear in five days I shall procure a passage in a merchantman. The Academy I very much doubt this week while the coast is beset with so many different species of Corsairs. - Should you arrive before me I hope you will have Surinam's bills I arrive. - Adieu I believe for I am Capt. Hull. - Signed, W. Eaton

Dear Sir, - Syracuse 26<sup>th</sup> July 1805

Captain Eaton arrived here last Evening & leaves this morning. will touch at Malta, but not go on shore, as he apprehends difficulty in landing my Horses. I have finally concluded to take passage in a merchantman which leaves this evening, & flatter myself with the pleasure of joining down the Mediterranean with you. Intend to get into a Yankee at Gibraltar if possible & then speak to you you will have no war with them. That Bey finds a better account in stealing sheep, than in hunting Tigers. - I am always Dr. Sir  
Yours Dr. Sir  
Capt. Hull - Signed, W. Eaton

Sir,

United States Ship Constitution  
Savannah 19<sup>th</sup> August 1815

You are hereby directed to supply the  
United States Cutter Hornet, Lieutenant Samuel  
Conroy Commander with five hundred gallons of  
Water. — I have the honor to be

Capt Isaac Hull  
Commander of the U. States  
Wing Argus

Sir, your order of Sept  
J. Rodgers

Sir I would rather you would go to Tunis after  
Capt Decatur's return — Capt Smith has  
signified that he wishes to go tomorrow — Capt Decatur  
is now there, and if more of the commanding Officers  
than two at a time was to go; I should be exposing  
the Vessel in case of bad weather. —

Savannah 19<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1815  
Capt Isaac Hull

Yours very respectfully  
J. Rodgers



Sir

United States Ship Constitution

Savannah August 1805

With the Brig Argos under your immediate command / Ship Struck, Open Boat, Art. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 8. 9. & 10. you are directed to proceed to Syracuse, and there rendezvous, until my return. Without the political junctions of the European Powers at War, should make Syracuse an improper port for our Vessels, in which case you are directed to rendezvous at all other

I shall proceed from hence to New York, from thence to Albany, and it is most likely, from the latter place to join you at Syracuse, therefore in all probability, I shall not be with you again, until some time in October. - In which case I have to desire, that about the first of October you send the Surgeon or one of the Surgeons to this Place to communicate with our Charge d'Affairs & ascertain if all is quiet -

As the Officers commanding the Gun Boats, are generally very young, and at an age, whose predominant trait, is not stability, I have to desire that you pay great attention to have regularly and system maintained, in every thing belonging to, & under their respective commands, and not on any account, to suffer any alterations to be made, without your special permission, and those only, in instances where they are absolutely necessary.

Among Officers of the Age, if the majority of them, which will be with you, Disobedience is frequently, not the least conspicuous, and sometimes even to a degree, that saps the root of Subordination, to an extent, not only injurious, to the particular service they are in, but also to the Character of their nation. - On this subject, during my absence I much rely on your discretion

and judgment, in maintaining that strict subordination and general Harmony throughout the Squadron, without which we cannot be respected. —

Mr. Dixon will furnish you with all the necessary supplies. As it respects Cash, he must furnish you with what small sum you may want until my return. One of my reasons for going to Ligonier is to procure that article, therefore he will be reimbursed immediately on my return, all requisitions to him, must be made through you. As soon after your arrival at Syracuse as possible, you will write to Mr. Higgin, and direct that if the Bomb Vessels, have arrived there to order them to proceed to Syracuse. And should a Store Ship have arrived, to direct her also to Syracuse, to deposit her Stores, and in case the deposit should have been made at Malta, previous to your having an opportunity of communicating the order, you are directed to dismount the Guns of the 34 or 40 lb, and have them transported to Syracuse by her. — The Freight of the Store Ships from America, are to be paid as usual. —

Wishing you health & happiness  
I have the honor to be Sir

Capt. Isaac Hull  
Commander of the U. States  
Ship Argus.

Your Obedt. Servant  
J. Rodgers

Sir,

United States Ship Constitution  
Syracuse 11<sup>th</sup> September 1805

For the convenience of the respective vessels  
of the Squadron, as also the general good of the service, you  
are requested to appoint, for the present, Lieutenant L.  
Vauschaick, to the superintendance of the Arsenal, and  
the Six Gun Boats now in the Harbor of the same, and that  
you cause such rules & regulations to be adopted, & put  
in force, as will insure a benefit equal to the result, with  
naturally accompanying strict uniformity, supported  
by zealous & unremitting attention. — After all the  
Stores now in the Arsenal, also those at present distribu-  
ted in different parts of the Town where they are unsafe,  
are collected & arranged in the best possible order  
for their preservation & safe keeping, & regular inventories  
made ~~made~~ of the same — It will be necessary to estab-  
lish, that no articles of Stores, be either delivered or  
received from the Arsenal, on any account whatever,  
without the written order, of yourself, or in case of  
your absence, that of the next Senior Officer. To assist  
Lieut. Vauschaick, in the various duties under his super-  
intendance. — You will be pleased to furnish him  
with six men as Ship Keepers, to the Six Gun Boats,  
under his charge, and with a Chief Shipman, as assistant,  
& four extra men, to do the various work of the  
Arsenal, all of which, as well as himself are to live,  
either on board the Boats, or at least <sup>on the</sup> Walls of the  
Arsenal, and the men to be victualled, agreeable to the

prescribed regulations of the Service. — The two large  
Shalabaccats or Gun Boats, now in the Canal leading  
to the Arsenal, are to be stowed together, in a convenient  
part of the Harbour (with a chain that will be fur-  
nished <sup>them</sup> from this Ship) as Store Ships.

You will be pleased to Appoint Mr. Higgin-  
bottom, to the charge of these two Vessels, and who is to be  
held accountable for the delivery & receipt of all Stores  
put on board of them, as also their preservation, And  
to assist him in doing this, You will be pleased to  
furnish him with a Pilot, two Men, and  
One Boy. — No article of the Stores, belonging to  
the Gun Boats, is to be, either exchanged given by the  
Commander of one Boat, for the use of another, or  
converted into any other use, than what it was first  
intended, without your special Authority, or in case  
of your absence, that of the next Senior Officer. —

No sick Man belonging to the Gun Boats,  
can be received into the Hospital, without a state-  
ment of his complaint, from the Surgeon of the  
Gun Boat, to that of the Hospital, with an order  
from you accompanying the same. — The Sails  
of the Gun Boats are to be unbrut, repaired, by their  
respective Crews, & put on board the Store Ships, for  
their better preservation, & the Boats themselves, in  
every other respect kept ready for immediate  
service. — Guard is to be Rowed continually,  
not only for the common purposes of the same, but

particularly, to prevent irregularities among the <sup>Officers of the</sup> Squadron  
at Night. — A Report of which is to be made to the  
Commanding Officer, in due form & time every morning,  
for which purpose, a Boat will be afforded each  
Vessel of the Squadron (including the Gun Boats in  
Commission) will furnish a Crew & Officer Altern-  
ately, which Officer is to be an acting Lieutenant  
or Master at least. — A Forge must be erected  
in the Arsenal, to do the Iron work of the Boats, and  
to be under the direction of the Superintendent, who  
is to receive his Orders from the Commanding Officer  
aboard, as it respects the kind & quantity of work  
to be done, which Boat is to be served first, as well  
as everything relating to the same. — The accounts  
of the Gun Boats, are to be settled every month, by their  
respective Commanders, with the Navy Agent, in order  
to prevent disputes, which may arise by long standing ac-  
counts. — In this affair, these Officers ought to be partic-  
ularly careful, as they will be held responsible for the  
value of every article furnished their Boats, even to a  
single Nail. — For the Convenience of certain  
Officers, belonging to the Gun Boats, the Agent may be  
permitted to advance, such as are not in debt to  
the Service, half their monthly pay, provided they  
wish it, on the Orders of their respective Comman-  
ders, countersigned by yourself. —

You are particularly requested to have

The Provisions in Store, examined often, by each per-  
son and other officers as you think proper to direct,  
at which examination a Cooper is always to attend to  
ascertain if the Beef and Pork, does not require new  
Pickles. — I mention this; because I think a large  
quantity of these two articles, have been lost by  
want of proper attention. —

Wishing you Health & Happiness

Capt. Isaac Hull  
Commanding the  
U. S. Frigate Argus

I have the honor to be

Sir. Your ob. Servt.  
Signed Jas. Rodgers

Sir,

United States Frigate Constitution  
Tunis May 26<sup>th</sup> August 1805

On arrival of the U. S. Schooner Enterprise at  
Tunacore, you will order a Survey to be held on her Fore-  
Mast, which is reported to be rotten, & you will cause  
such Measures to be used to remedy the evil, as the Officers  
who hold the Survey may recommend without altering  
her Rig. — I have the honor to be

Your ob. Servt.

Isaac Hull Esquire  
Commander of the U. S.  
Frigate Argus.

(Signed) Jas. Rodgers

Sir

United States Ship Constitution  
Cruz Bay 18<sup>th</sup> August 1805

In consequence of an Order issued to me  
by Commodore John Rodgers for a Court martial  
to be held on board of this Ship, you are hereby  
required to attend as a member of the same. —  
The Court will convene at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

I have the honor to be  
With the greatest respect  
Sir your very obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
Signed, Hugh Campbell  
Pay

Capt Isaac Hull

Dear Sir

United States Ship Constitution  
Mexico 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1805

I have this moment received a letter from  
Capt Vinoy, enclosing a bill of exchange of the Store Ship Wash-  
ington, which I have forwarded you. —

I have given the General of Mexico at this  
place, permission to have a ball of one of our Gun Boats,  
taken by one of their Craftsmen, which you will be pleased  
to comply with. — I arrived here on the 20<sup>th</sup> but the  
Wind has been a head ever since, so soon as it changes,  
I shall depart — In case you should receive dispatches  
for me, during my absence of importance which may require  
my early attention, I request that you will send the  
Prize with them to meet me at Ajoa. —

I have the honor to be  
Very Respectfully  
Dear Sir your obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
(Signed) J<sup>n</sup> Rodgers

Capt Isaac Hull  
Comd<sup>g</sup> the U. S. S.  
Whig, under  
Syracuse.

My Dear Sir,

Matta 24<sup>th</sup> September 1805

I have the pleasure to reply to your valued favor of the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst. and you will find enclosed a state of Laundry Articles which I have sent over in compliance as far as in my power with your requisition - No more Blue or Pitch want to get the Black or white Tarnish or Copper Stains (there are ordered) and only 2130 Copper Sunif Balls

The Time you will have found in the Store Ship - when the Convoys arrives from England now daily expected, I dare say I shall be able to supply all your wants. -

I hope to see you soon over board a Sumner

Lord Nelson is off with 27 Sail of the Line, 7 of which 3 Deckers - The French are in Cadix with 35 Sail etc.

Dear Sir your very obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Wm Higgins

Spain shall be coming the U.S. Brig Aramis.

Serv<sup>t</sup>

U.S. Gun boat N<sup>o</sup> 2  
Syracuse Sep: 25<sup>th</sup> 1805

I feel it requisite for my own happiness to say something on a subject that gives me much uneasiness in respect to you - I should not have delayed it untill this period did I before feel adequate the subject I mean is that which you have been informed of - the extravagance of my Conceptions at the time some exorbitances were committed proceeded from some Cause unknown to myself, that I was destitute of Reason is beyond doubt for I recollect nothing

What has been since Communicated to me I shudder at - for some time past I did not



enjoy my usual cheerfulness or activity which probably  
proceeds from indisposition - if I return home next  
with you I should feel happy, and make the request  
in hopes of being indulged my absence could be of no  
importance as there is an Officer doing the duty that was  
attached to me, and little to be done now on those seas,  
my health also is not perfect but should I meet so  
much indulgence I hope Capt. Hull will not send me  
suspended under any charges, or go in your opinion  
a disorderly man for my conduct hitherto I must  
refer you to Mr. Izard under whom I have been  
serving and all other Officers with whom I have  
acquaintance

I have the honor to be,

Sir, with respect -

Your Very Obedt. Servt.

W. S. McIntosh

U.S. Gun Boat N: 6  
Saturday 1 P.M.

The order evidently written by Lieut.  
Porter and signed by yourself was a few moments since  
put into my hands, While I acknowledge the right of  
a superior issuing an order to a subordinate and the  
necessity of an immediate compliance I presume  
I have a right to remonstrate - the Carpenter in  
question was loaned to the Argus by request of Lieut.  
Hunt I considered that when his services were not  
required on board the Argus he would have been  
returned to N: 6 but was disappointed to find

that without my knowledge or concurrence he was transferred to the Enterprise as I state to you fully the Situation of the decks of N<sup>o</sup>. 6 when I applied to you for Caulkers I presume it is unnecessary to mention to you that his services were required on board N<sup>o</sup>. 6 in consequence of which I sent an officer and had him taken on board at that time he was employed for the Enterprise which must have induced Lieut. Porter to apply for his Retention and in my opinion without right, when I say without right permit me to explain myself the Secretary of the Navy honored me with the Command of N<sup>o</sup>. 6 of course attached to me every prerogative of a Command of a gunboat, is it Lieut. Porter or myself that answers to Government for my boat or to make it now evident would you send an order for Lieut. Porters Carpenters knowing the Enterprise required their services at least I conceive you would so far compliment the Commander of the Enterprise as to ask whether he could spare his Carpenters or not.

Capt. J. Hull

I have the honor to be,  
Sir, yr. Obedt. Serv<sup>t</sup>.  
Jas. Lawrence

Nov 11

Order to the Inspection attached  
By Lieutenant Richard Chew  
Agent of Transport.

It is my positive direction that no matter of a  
transport, under any charge, or order, or cause to be entered  
or incurred, and no other, or any other other, that have left  
or may leave any of the American Ports of War during the time  
or any time in the Port - It may be observed that  
it is inconsistent with the good understanding that now exist  
between the two Nations, to show any obstruction in the way  
of each other. - We should any transport have interest  
any more, or other that have left the American Ports of War,  
they are to discharge them immediately, we should any of them  
be found on board of any transport after leaving the Port  
I will not allow of their being considered as a part of their  
Complement, but will return them short, and give every  
reason to the Board for so doing in their Certificate. -

The Inspection attached  
of a transport on the  
subject of inspection

Given under my hand and seal  
in the Office of Transport at Liverpool  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1805

For

Richard Chew

NOTE

Liverpool 5<sup>th</sup> November 1805

Callan - Some Officers of the Navy and  
Captains of the U. S. Navy of America now in the Port, having  
reported to me that several men have deserted from the  
Navy, under the command and that he has reason to

believe, that they have entered on board some of the Transports  
 under my direction - I have to request of you to go on  
 board of the Transports of the division under your charge  
 to ascertain their true & make every enquiry that is possible  
 about any vessels that have entered or have been concealed  
 on board of any of them - Should you find that any  
 such thing has taken place, I have to desire that you  
 will take the alarm from any Transport that they may be  
 on board of in your Station & deliver them on board the  
 U.S. Commodore by Capt. Hull - at the same time  
 commanding the masters of the said transports not to  
 receive any passengers, or any other man that  
 may have left any ship or vessel belonging to the  
 United States of America while we remain at this  
 anchorage as you and them must be aware that  
 it is inconsistent with good understanding that  
 now exists between the two Nations to have any ob-  
 struction in the way of each other -

Capt. Hull thinks that some of the  
 men on board the U.S. Uppells 31 and  
 Julius Caesar 74 - You are to make the  
 enquiry this forenoon and report as soon as possible

I am Sir,  
 To Lieut. H. Woodman  
 and S. McCulloch  
 Agents of Transports }  
 You are to be sent  
 Rich<sup>d</sup> Chesman

On board the Commodore's Staging  
 Two Transport Office Service  
 Town 1800

Sir  
 I was honored with your letter of  
 the 1st respecting some who had deserted from the U.S.

of the United States under your Command. In answer  
I beg to assure you that I will thoroughly on  
the propriety of keeping a good understanding between  
the United States and England and further to ensure  
you I enclose copies of the orders I have given to  
the agents under my directions and to the members  
of the respective Transports.

And I trust you will be convinced I have  
used every exertion in my power to find the vessels  
for you and you may depend on it that should  
I discover any after we are at sea I shall take  
such measures that you shall receive them

I have the honor to be

To Capt. Hull  
Senior Officer of the  
Regt. of the U.S. States  
Squadron

Sir, Wm. M. M. M. M.  
Richd. C. Cochrane  
Agent of Transports

The following letter not only is

Capt. Isaac Hull  
London 24<sup>th</sup> May 1805

We have this day the favor of  
your letter of 9<sup>th</sup> of March from Syracuse and 13<sup>th</sup> of the  
same month from Malta the first arrival of your  
draft on us from Alexandria, 18<sup>th</sup> of last month  
of Messrs. Dwyer Brothers, in 1805 they in the name  
of the King's Agents which will be duly respected and  
placed to the account of the Navy Department.  
Your bill for 2000 from Malaga was duly answered  
you were so advised in a letter to the care of Mr. Higgins  
Esquire at Malta

He particularly recommended

advising the Secretary of the Navy of your receipt  
in regard to the same, in which you are permitted

Very respectfully  
Wm. St. Scott

of the U.S. Proc. Agents ) James M. Kinzie & G. Linnie

Capt. Hull on the honor  
officer of U.S. Squadron  
at Annapolis

Gallita 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1805

Sir

I have you a blank  
receipt for 34 1/2 Ratis copper nails as ordered in  
your invoice for the service of the United States Navy  
at Annapolis the Quarter of W. St. Scott's Command  
and I beg you will have the goodness to return the  
same to me signed

Yours for yr. Obedt. Servant  
William Higgins

Sir

Gallita 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1805  
Tunis

I receive your favor fr. Lieut. St. Barren  
and am extremely happy to hear of your good health  
I regret that I cannot visit you without communicat-  
ing with the Brig and getting a Ticket from him  
for the purpose this would consume much time  
and is of little moment as I have nothing of any  
importance to advise you of very things

remains tranquil and the Bey has on occasion of my  
visiting him shown me several marks of particular  
attention whether this arises from his natural politeness  
or to a stranger or is a mark of his particular  
respect for the United States I know not but I am  
well satisfied he is in no way changed from those  
sentiments expressed while the Squadron lay here

I imagine the Commodore will call  
here on his return from Algiers therefore shall not  
detain you by writing to him as Mr. Cannon  
expresses great anxiety to return to the Bey's

Health and Rest, and  
Believe me Sir

Capt. John A. States  
By Order  
J. A.

Wm. West. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
James Dodge

Syracuse 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1815

Circumstances make it necessary that I should  
go to state in public business of importance.

Therefore have to advise that you have continued  
in force the Order I directed you with on my last  
leaving this Port — I have the pleasure to be

Yours &c  
James Dodge

United States Ship Establishment

Spencer 11<sup>th</sup> March 1806

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As you are ignorant of the nature and extent of the business establishment appertaining to the United States, and equally so of what may be the result, I have to be particularly desirous of saying something to our Government, that you may be better prepared to be conversant with the establishment.

I have to direct that with the United States Ship Dept, you shall have a great deal to do with Mr. Lodge, our agent, after which you will receive between the limits of your own the Board of Health with view to give you some kind of protection, as you may find it necessary to visit Mr. Lodge, some of the necessary to visiting circumstances.

It would be well to success not to make your appearance in the city with more than your own papers, otherwise it might lead to suspicious and unfavorable to your establishment, which it is at least a duty to avoid.

Mr. Lodge should have something of importance to communicate to me you will be pleased to give the Board back to the Dept with his signature; I shall be glad to attend you to some place but not in other than a favorable respect, I wish you will keep what is most valuable in your possession, and be particularly of the properties of the harbour, the convenience of procuring fresh water



and I shall be forward to receive you and also an  
copy of my letters. - However all our concern  
is that we appear as if we had no business on the part  
of the State of things, and I shall be ready to supply  
whatever may be required for the want of it, and I shall  
be sure to be forward to send you any particular which

You will be assured in the course of a  
month or two that from the date of the order will  
come under our management and we shall be forward  
to send you any particular which you may be assured of

If you should at any time during  
your being find it necessary to communicate to  
me any particular which you may be assured of  
I shall be forward to the purpose of the same.

All the same I am sure you that  
it would be improper to have  
any other than the particular  
of the State of things  
and I shall be forward to  
send you any particular  
which you may be assured of

When you should be  
forward to the purpose of the  
same and I shall be  
forward to the purpose of the  
same.

20th of June 1791  
Gentle to the State of things  
I shall be forward to

Dear Sir

Wilmington, N.C. 28th Feb

If your survey at Charlotte will admit,

you are requested to cause a survey to be had on the  
21st of Apr. in the place of Mr. ...  
... at the same  
... of ...  
— You are ...  
...  
...

Wm. Graham letter to me  
25 March 308

Your very Obedt  
W. Crane

201  
I am so glad to hear that you are without  
... as on Horse  
...  
...  
...  
... return this evening, I will be ready to  
I am  
...

I am  
...

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I have been thinking much lately of the  
past and how I have been able to do what I  
have done. It has been a long and hard  
struggle, but I have been able to do it.

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. - and in answer to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities. I shall not send any other on board of the ship, until the same is decided. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant

I have to accept also of your kind regards, which have been the very same you have had from me, and believe me your  
obedient servant

I am Sir, your obedient servant  
J. M. Dudgee

I have just received your letter of the 18th inst. and in answer to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities. I shall not send any other on board of the ship, until the same is decided. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant  
J. M. Dudgee

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2.  
J.M.

United States Brig. Adams  
At Sea 3<sup>o</sup> April 1866

In receipt of the ...  
dispatch to Syracuse to join the Commodore,  
... off Olatto in your way, to see if he is not there.

Should the Commodore not be at Olatto and have  
left Syracuse when you arrive, you will use every possible  
application in giving the United States Schooner Adams  
... such repairs as are directed necessary for  
... that she may be ready to ...  
... Commodore, as well as ...

Comd'g U.S. Schooner  
Adams

I am with the ...

Gen

United States Army  
Walla 22<sup>d</sup> Apr. 1806

I have the honor to receive your favor of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. in relation to the matter of the ...  
for the ...  
I have the honor to be  
Yours truly  
Gen. your serv. ob. S<sup>t</sup>

Gen. your serv. ob. S<sup>t</sup>  
Gen. Hull

United States Army

I have the honor to receive your favor of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. in relation to the matter of the ...  
has been furnished with copies to be approved.

I have the honor to receive your favor of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. in relation to the matter of the ...  
I have the honor to be  
Yours truly  
Gen. your serv. ob. S<sup>t</sup>

Wm. H. ...  
U. S. Navy Agent  
Walla 22<sup>d</sup> Apr.

Gen. Hull

United States Army

I have the honor to receive your favor of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. in relation to the matter of the ...  
I have the honor to be  
Yours truly  
Gen. your serv. ob. S<sup>t</sup>

not having had an opportunity to send it.  
We can receive all our heavy provisions  
to day if you can send them. It would be sent  
with the provisions in order to make things  
more shipping by or I am for you of the  
U.S. Ship Constitution  
Matters -

U. S. Ship Constitution  
Malta 28<sup>th</sup> April 1806

J.M.

You are requested to afford Lieutenant  
Burchard passage to the United States in the U.S.  
Ship Constitution under your command.

I have the Honour to be

J.M.

Yours truly  
J.M.

Yours truly  
J.M.

28<sup>th</sup> April 1805.

The Wind, about 4 o'clock, after the last of  
the Boats got out, veer'd so far to the Eastward as to pre-  
vent my getting out. You will be pleas'd to  
know the Squadron retreated off the Shoals in the  
distance of 2 or 3 leagues, so as to enable you to keep  
down & be seen. I shall be out the first puff  
that favour me.

Yours Respectfully, in haste  
J. M. Cook

London State Ship Construction  
April 24<sup>th</sup> 1806

As I am writing this I am provided with  
some news which I will shortly send you  
as soon as I receive it. I am very glad  
to return to this Post, for the purpose of providing  
you I feel it necessary to be seen to the  
... ..

With great respect  
Yours  
J. M. Cook

Yours  
J. M. Cook



John

United States Ship Constitution

At Sea 2<sup>d</sup> May 1806

I shall permit you to follow with the Breeze and  
 you shall at 10 o'clock tomorrow at the entrance of  
 the Bay. I have no more accounts with the  
 Breeze and to the St. Andrew's Island. Your  
 movements, and station to be watched according  
 to military circumstances. I being obliged that the  
 weather may oblige you to leave either to the Eastward  
 or Westward of the Bay. I have the honor to be  
 Sir, your obedient servant

Capt. of the  
 Breeze  
 St. Andrew's Island

John Rodgers  
 Commanding

John

United States Ship Constitution

At Sea 14<sup>th</sup> May 1806

You are directed to join the United States  
 Ship Breeze in the Bay of St. Andrew's Island  
 and to be kept there until further orders.

Commandant Breeze  
 St. Andrew's Island

Your Obedt. Servt.

John Rodgers  
 Commanding

Jan

United States Ship Constitution  
Boston May 20th 1806

You are requested to afford to all former sailing masters of the United States Schooner Enterprise a passage to the U. States, as a Supernumerary in the Ship of your command.

Yours Obedt Servant  
John M. ...

I have the honour to be  
Yours Obedt Servant  
John Rodgers

Jan

United States Ship Argus  
Boston 27th May 1806

I have the direct that you are to be in and discharge the duties of a sailing master and report the same daily to me. I should recommend to them that each one keep his respective proceedings to his own judgment without communicating the result to any one except as above directed. - You will be pleased to make the same known to all concerned that they may be.

Lieut. M. J. ...  
United States Ship  
Argus

I am Sir with respect  
Yours Obedt Servant  
John Rodgers

United States Constitution

Gibraltar 27<sup>th</sup> May 1806.

I am in the U.S. Ship & you  
our Command, as may be seen. I have  
you need with all practical dispatch  
Branch. Washington, in  
to the Secretary of the Navy  
to take the earliest opportunity to deliver  
the Navy Department.

Wishing you health & happiness  
I am with great respect & esteem  
Yours

Capt. James Miller  
Commanding the U.S. Ship  
Gibraltar

Yours  
J. Rodgers























